

ALBERT MCKNIGHT, Sworn for the State. I have heard read to me the affidavit which has my signature on it, and which I swore to before G. C. February on the 15th day of April, 1914, and witnessed by several white men, this being the affidavit that was taken from me at the police station recently. This paper is just exactly as I spoke it. This affidavit is absolutely true. The reason I made the affidavit for Burke was because he kept an after me. Burke came to me and told me and told me that he would get me a job at the Terminal Station, making \$10.00 a week, and he said the tips I would get around there would average \$100. He asked me how much I was making, and I told him \$7.00 a week. He asked me hadn't I rather have a job like that then have one just making \$28.00. I told him yes. He says, "Why don't you go on then and tell me the truth," says, that "there isn't one out of a hundred believes what you told on the stand." He asked me could he learn me how to drive his automobile, and I told him yes. He says, "Well, then, if you wouldn't like the job around the Terminal Station, I will learn you how to to drive the car, and move you in a little house near me, and Minola can work for me if she wants to. The job he got me was a job at a guano house. I wouldn't take that job, and he sent me then down to Schoen Bros., 325 Decatur St. packing hides. Schoen Bros. are Jews. I worked down there five days. I lays off then until next Monday. He promised me that Terminal job and never gave me that, and promised to learn me to drive his automobile and didn't give me that job. I got hurt at a crossing on McDaniel Street. I was hiding out to keep away from the detectives. Burke told me that they were looking for me to make a witness out of me in the Conleys case. This is the first I knew they were looking for me. He told me to leave town that Sunday before the Conley case came up the next week. He told me not to let them get me by any means. I asked him if I went to Stockbridge to my mother's would that be all right, and he said yes, just so I got out of town and didn't let them get me. After I was hurt they took me down to Fairhaven Hospital, colored. When I was down there Burke come down and brought a man by the name of Burne and some Jew, whose name I don't know. Burns went over with me, in Burke's presence the same things that I stated to Burke, and I told the same thing, I told Burke, but Burke knew that I was not telling the truth. I am now staying at the police station because I want to stay there to keep Burke and his crowd from worrying me. While I was over at the hospital, while Mr. Burns and Mr. Burke were present, they tried to get me to say that the city detectives beat me up. They asked me if I was sure the train hit me, said I had a scar on the back of my head, and I couldn't have got bruised up by getting struck by the train, that they believed the detectives beat me up. They asked me "Do you know for certain that the train hit you"? I told them yes sir. Burke gave me the attached card and said to leave town, and if any of the detectives got me to call him up and he would come to see about me. Nobody has mistreated me since I have been staying at the station house. I have read over as best I could this affidavit and the affidavit I swore to before G. C. February, on 16th of April, 1914, and I have written my name on each page to this affidavit, and of that affidavit, both of which I say contain true statements.

(Attached to the above affidavit is the card of C. W. Burke referred to in the affidavit, with the name Albert McKnight written across it).

Mr. Burke come out to my house three or four times to see me in the afternoon, but he didn't catch me there until he had made the third or fourth trip, and he caught me there at seven thirty and I was in bed, and he sat down and talked to me, the way people do and that I had to die, and if I had to die then did I think I would go to heaven and all like that and I said yes, and all the time I knew what he was after, for me to change my affidavit, and Minola would tell me at night that these fellow had been out there to see me, and I said what for and she claimed she didn't know, and he come the second time and I wasn't there, and he come again, I think it was Thursday or Friday, and I wouldn't make him no affidavit, and then he says "I will come to see you Sunday afternoon, will you be here, and I said yes sir, and he said I will be here at 2 or 3 o'clock and I said all right, and so he come out there that evening. There was nobody with him that Sunday I give him the affidavit, and he told me, he says "there isn't one out of hundred that will believe what you testified to on the stand" and I says "I can't help that, it was the truth" and he said "that is a damned lie, you know it ain't the truth, why don't you tell me the truth now,

your wife has told me that you told her it wasn't the truth" and I told him I didn't tell her that. He wanted me to make another affidavit, and he said "didn't Craven offer you a whole lot of money or give you some money to make the affidavit" and I said no he didn't promise me nothing, I made it of my own free will" and Mr. Burke keeps after me until I would say I would make him one and so I said all right and I said I don't know nothing about it. I wasn't there on that day I was there at 12 o'clock and leaves there at 12:30" and I says "I was not at home when Mr. Frank come in, whether he was there or not, I don't know for I wasn't there" and Mr. Burke wrote all of that down, and I told him all of this affidavit was a lie, and that it was made up, and when I told Mr. Burke it was made up by me, he wrote it down as Mr. Craven preparing it for me, and he says, he asked me a whole lot of questions, he said if I hadn't changed my affidavit and told the truth the Jews were fixing to do something to me, he never did say what they would do only he said they would kill me if I hadn't changed my statement and told the truth, and I told him that I told the truth the first time, and he says I gained more friends by changing my statement. I never did make but one statement to Mr. Burke, but I have signed three or four for him, I signed one yesterday for him, I was at the Terminal Restaurant, and Mr. Burke comes in the cook room where I was at and said "hello Albert" and he said "come on there are two fellows out here wants to see you, but I didn't know who they were, and I goes on with him and goes to the colored waiting room and Mr. Burke stops in the hall where the white folks go to the trains, and he talked with the head man, and me and these other two fellows were standing in the waiting room and he reads this affidavit over to me, or pretended to read it to me, whatever he read sounded like this first affidavit I made for him, and I signed it, and after I signed he says "this is your affidavit then is it" and I said "yes sir" and I held up my right hand and swore to it and he says all right good bye and they passed by Mr. Burke and I goes back into the cook room and Mr. Burke never said anything more to me at all, and he tells Mr. Boyd to discharge me from my job, and Mr. Boyd said when and he said right now. The reason I quit the Beck & Gregg Hardware Co. Mr. Burke said he would get me a better job. While I was at the hospital Mr. Burke called on me and asked me if I was suffering for anything and I told him no. I don't remember how many times he come out there to see me, but he come once or twice before I got my senses. Mr. Burns come to see me while I was in the hospital and he read the affidavit to me that I had made to Mr. Burke, and he asked me if it was true and I told him yes, and he just went over a whole lot of questions that Mr. Burke had gotten. That was while I was sick in the hospital. The affidavit those two fellows got me to sign over at the Terminal Station was already typewritten when they brought it over there, I didn't have to say anything. The only paper that was written in my presence was the first one I made at home. All the others that I have signed, which have been at different times, were already written when they were brought to me, and they read something to me, I suppose they read what was in the papers. The first affidavit I made to the officers and in court is the truth and all the others are false.